BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 3637

KEVIN TER-GRIGORYAN AKA KEVIN TERGRIGORYAN

1795 Harding Ave. Altadena, CA 91001

Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 84200

Respondent.

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby adopted by the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This decision shall become effective on May 11, 2011.

It is so ORDERED April 11, 2011.

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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On or about June 30, 2008, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH \$4200 to Kevin Ter-Grigoryan aka Kevin Tergrigoryan (Respondent). The Pharmacy Technician License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 3637 and will expire on July 31, 2011, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

Acousation No. 3637 was filed before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on June 24, 2010. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 3637 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 3637. Respondent also has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel, at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf, the right to the issuance of subpoenus to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

8, Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 3637, agrees that cause exists for discipline and hereby surrenders his Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH \$4200 for the Board's formal acceptance,

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9, Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation he enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of his Pharmacy Technician License without further process.

RESERVATION

The admissions made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Board of Pharmacy or other professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

CONTINGENCY

- This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Pharmacy may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and surrender, without notice to or participation by Respondent or his counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 12. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Surrender of Liceuse and Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 13. This Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Surrender of License and Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.
- 14. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

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ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 84200, issued to Respondent Kevin Ter-Grigoryan aka Kevin Tergrigoryan, is surrendered and accepted by the Board of Pharmacy. Respondent shall relinquish his or her technician license to the board within ten (10) days of the effective date of this decision. Respondent may not reapply or petition the board for reinstatement of his or her revoked technician license for three (3) years from the effective date of this decision.

- 15. The surrender of Respondent's Pharmacy Technician License and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board.
- 16. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a pharmacy technician in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.
- 17. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board his wall license certificate, if one was issued, and his pocket license on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 18. If Respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a new application for licensure. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 3637 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the petition.
- 19. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation, No. 3637 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.
- 20. Respondent shall pay the Board its costs of investigation and enforcement in the amount of \$3,490.00 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.

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ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License and Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Fred G. Minassian, Esq., I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacy Technician License. I enter into this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Pharmacy.

DATED: 2/Z/I/

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I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Kevin Ter-Grigoryan aka Kevin

Tergrigoryen the terms and conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Surrender of

Respondent

License and Order. A approve its form and content.

DATED: // O

FRED G. MINASSIAN, ESQ. Attorney for Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Pharmacu of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Dated:

Respectfully submitted,

Kamala D. Harris Attorney General of California Marc D. Greenbaum, Supervising Deputy Attorney General

SHAWN P. COOK
Deputy Attorney General
Attorneys for Complainant

Exhibit A Accusation No. 3637

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13	1795 Harding Ave. Altadena, CA 91001 A C C U S A T I O N
14	Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 84200
15	Respondent.
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17	Complainant alleges:
18	PARTIES
19	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity
20	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.
21	2. On or about June 30, 2008, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician
22	License Number TCH 84200 to Kevin Ter-Grigoryan aka Kevin Tergrigoryan (Respondent). The
23	Pharmacy Technician License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges
.24	brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2011, unless renewed.
25	JURISDICTION
26	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of
27	Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the
28	Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
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4. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, states:

"For the purpose of denial, suspension, or revocation of a personal or facility license pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the Business and Professions Code, a crime or act shall be considered substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensee or registrant if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a licensee or registrant to perform the functions authorized by his license or registration in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare."

- 5. Section 4300 of the Code states:
- "(a) Every license issued may be suspended or revoked.
- "(b) The board shall discipline the holder of any license issued by the board, whose default has been entered or whose case has been heard by the board and found guilty, by any of the following methods:
 - "(1) Suspending judgment.
 - "(2) Placing him or her upon probation.
 - "(3) Suspending his or her right to practice for a period not exceeding one year.
 - "(4) Revoking his or her license.
- "(5) Taking any other action in relation to disciplining him or her as the board in its discretion may deem proper.
- "(c) The board may refuse a license to any applicant guilty of unprofessional conduct. The board may, in its sole discretion, issue a probationary license to any applicant for a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct and who has met all other requirements for licensure. The board may issue the license subject to any terms or conditions not contrary to public policy, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - "(1) Medical or psychiatric evaluation.
 - "(2) Continuing medical or psychiatric treatment.
 - "(3) Restriction of type or circumstances of practice.
 - "(4) Continuing participation in a board-approved rehabilitation program.

- "(5) Abstention from the use of alcohol or drugs.
- "(6) Random fluid testing for alcohol or drugs.
- "(7) Compliance with laws and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy.
- "(d) The board may initiate disciplinary proceedings to revoke or suspend any probationary certificate of licensure for any violation of the terms and conditions of probation. Upon satisfactory completion of probation, the board shall convert the probationary certificate to a regular certificate, free of conditions.
- "(e) The proceedings under this article shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of the Government Code, and the board shall have all the powers granted therein. The action shall be final, except that the propriety of the action is subject to review by the superior court pursuant to Section 1094.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure."

6. Section 4301 of the Code states:

"The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct or whose license has been procured by fraud or misrepresentation or issued by mistake.

Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

"(h) The administering to oneself, of any controlled substance, or the use of any dangerous drug or of alcoholic beverages to the extent or in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to oneself, to a person holding a license under this chapter, or to any other person or to the public, or to the extent that the use impairs the ability of the person to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by the license.

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- "(j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state, or any other state, or of the United States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.
- "(k) The conviction of more than one misdemeanor or any felony involving the use, consumption, or self-administration of any dangerous drug or alcoholic beverage, or any combination of those substances.

"(I) The conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. The record of conviction of a violation of Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 801) of Title 21 of the United States Code regulating controlled substances or of a violation of the statutes of this state regulating controlled substances or dangerous drugs shall be conclusive evidence of unprofessional conduct. In all other cases, the record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred. The board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime, in order to fix the degree of discipline or, in the case of a conviction not involving controlled substances or dangerous drugs, to determine if the conviction is of an offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this provision. The board may take action when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing the person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information, or indictment.

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- "(p) Actions or conduct that would have warranted denial of a license.
- 7. Section 4022 of the Code states in pertinent part:

"Dangerous drug" or "dangerous device" means any drug or device unsafe for self-use in humans or animals, and includes the following:

"(a) Any drug that bears the legend: "Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription," "Rx only," or words of similar import.

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- "(c) Any other drug or device that by federal or state law can be lawfully dispensed only on prescription or furnished pursuant to Section 4006."
 - 8. Section 4051 of the Code states:

- "(a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, it is unlawful for any person to manufacture, compound, furnish, sell, or dispense any dangerous drug or dangerous device, or to dispense or compound any prescription pursuant to Section 4040 of a prescriber unless he or she is a pharmacist under this chapter.
- 9. Section 4059, subd. (a) of the Code states, in pertinent part, that a person may not furnish any dangerous drug except upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, veterinarian, or naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.7. A person may not furnish any dangerous device, except upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, veterinarian, or naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.7.
- 10. Section 4060 of the Code provides in pertinent part: "No person shall possess any controlled substance, except that furnished to a person upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, or veterinarian, or furnished pursuant to a drug order issued by a certified nurse-midwife, . . . a nurse practitioner. . ., or a physician assistant. . ."
 - 11. Section 4324 of the Code states:
- "(a) Every person who signs the name of another, or of a fictitious person, or falsely makes, alters, forges, utters, publishes, passes, or attempts to pass, as genuine, any prescription for any drugs is guilty of forgery and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year.
- "(b) Every person who has in his or her possession any drugs secured by a forged prescription shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year."
- 12. Health and Safety Code section 11170, states: "No person shall prescribe, administer, or furnish a controlled substance for himself."
- 13. Health and Safety Code section 11173, subd. (a) provides that no person shall obtain or attempt to obtain controlled substances, or procure or attempt to procure the administration of or prescription for controlled substances, (1) by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge; or (2) by the concealment of a material fact.

- 14. Section 125.3 of the Code states, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.
- 15. Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Code provides that the suspension/expiration/surrender/cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board/Registrar/Director of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.
 - 16. Section 480 states, in pertinent part:
- "(a) A board may deny a license regulated by this code on the grounds that the applicant has one of the following:
 - "(1) Been convicted of a crime. A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action which a board is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code.

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"(3) Done any act which if done by a licentiate of the business or profession in question, would be grounds for suspension or revocation of license.

"The board may deny a license pursuant to this subdivision only if the crime or act is substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of the business or profession for which application is made."

17. Section 490 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued.

18. Section 493 of the Code states:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in a proceeding conducted by a board within the department pursuant to law to deny an application for a license or to suspend or revoke a license or otherwise take disciplinary action against a person who holds a license, upon the ground that the applicant or the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of the licensee in question, the record of conviction of the crime shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the conviction occurred, but only of that fact, and the board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime in order to fix the degree of discipline or to determine if the conviction is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of the licensee in question.

"As used in this section, 'license' includes 'certificate,' 'permit,' 'authority,' and 'registration.'"

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND DANGEROUS DRUGS

- A. "Vicodin" is a Schedule III controlled substance as defined in Health and Safety Code section 11056, subdivision (b)(4), and is categorized as a dangerous drug according to Business and Professions Code section 4022.
- B. "Alprazolam", generic for Xanax, is an anti-anxiety benzodiazepine and is a Schedule IV controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11057(d)(1) and is categorized as a dangerous drug pursuant to section 4022 of the Code.
- C. "Cocaine" is a "narcotic drug" as categorized by Health and Safety Code sec. 11019, subd. (e) and is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code sec. 11055, subd. (b)(6).
- D. "Seroquel" in an antipsychotic drug used to treat schizophrenia and anti-anxiety and is categorized as a dangerous drug according to Business and Professions Code section 4022 since it requires a prescription under federal law.
- E. "Sildenafil Citrate" generic for "Viagra" is a drug used to treat erectile dysfunction and pulmonary arterial hypertension and is categorized as a dangerous drug according to Business and Professions Code section 4022 since it requires a prescription under federal law.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE .

(Use of Dangerous Drugs or Alcohol)

- 19. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4300, 4301, subdivisions (h) and 480, subd. (a)(3) in conjunction with California Code of Regulations sec. subd. (j) in conjunction with Health and Safety Code section 11170 for administering controlled substances to himself, or the use of alcohol or dangerous drugs to an extent or in a manner that was injurious to himself or others. The circumstances are as follows:
- 20. On or about September 7, 2008 at 1240 a.m., Respondent was arrested by the Pasadena Police Department for violation of Vehicle Code Section 23152, subd. (a) [driving while under the influence] after officers observed him parked and sitting in the drivers seat of a black, BMW 328i, with the engine running and a female passenger seated next to him. Officers formed the opinion based on their observations and field sobriety exam that Respondent was under the influence of alcohol. Respondent was arrested and administered a breathalyzer exam at the police department jail with test results of .12 and .13%.
- 21. On or about December 14, 2008, Respondent was arrested by the Beverly Hills Police Department for violation of Health and Safety Code section 11350 subd. (a) [possession of narcotic controlled substance] and Health and Safety Code section 11375 subd. (b)(2) [possession of controlled substance without a prescription], after officers received a tip from an unidentified informant that a male was "snorting cocaine" in a Mercedes outside the Cafe Roma. Officers investigated and observed Respondent exit a Mercedes with heavily tinted windows that prevented them from observing inside. Respondent voluntarily submitted to a search of his person which revealed a bindle containing a fine, white, powdery substance.
- 22. Respondent admitted that the powder was cocaine and that it belonged to him. A subsequent search revealed that Respondent was in possession of four controlled substances: Xanax, Vicodin, Seroquel, and Viagra. Respondent was unable to produce a prescription for any of the controlled substances and claimed he took Xanax for an "anxiety disorder" and that he had no plans to take the other drugs and carried them because various people had given them to him.

- 23. When asked by officers why he carried six pills, Respondent answered that he had met a "pretty Russian" girl in the Cafe Roma and that she had asked for drugs and he carried those for just such an occasion.
- 24. Respondent was also in possession of a credit card scanning device, which he told officers was a "phone charger" and that he used it to upload things like music and photos to his cell phone.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Possession of Controlled Substances and Dangerous Drugs)

25. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4300, 4301, subd. (j) in conjunction with section 4060. The circumstances are as alleged in the preceding paragraphs 21 through 23.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Furnishing or Offering to Furnish Controlled Substances and Dangerous Drugs)

26. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4300, 4301, subd. (j) in conjunction with sections 4051, subd. (a) and 4059, subd. (a). The circumstances are as alleged in the preceding paragraphs 22 through 23.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dishonest Acts-- Possession of Credit Card Scanner)

27. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4300, 4301, subd. (f) for commission of an act of moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit or corruption. The circumstances are as alleged in the preceding paragraph 24.

FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conduct that Would Have Warranted Denial of License)

28. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 4300, 4301, subd. (p) and section 480, subd. (a)(3) in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770. The circumstances are as alleged in the preceding paragraphs 20 through 24.

PRAYER

Accusation